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SUBJ: POSSIBLE PATHET LAO DEFECTORS TO THAILAND

1. AMERICAN JOURNALISTS HAVE REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED WITH INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS COMMAND (ISOC) THAT 10 TO 12 PATHET LAO SOLDIERS DEFECTED MARCH 14 FROM LAOS INTO LOEI PROVINCE, THAILAND. SOLDIERS SURRENDERED WEAPONS UPON ARRIVAL IN THAILAND. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RPOVIDED US BY JOURNALISTS, ISOC SAID THAT THE RTG WAS CONSIDERING REPATRIATING THE GROUP. JOURNALISTS ALSO CLAIM THAT THE RTG HAS TOLD THE THAI PRESS NOT RPT NOT TO PRINT STORY. WESTERN PRESS IS EAGERLY INVESTIGATING STORY AND SOME WILL PROBABLY FILE REPORTS, PARTICULARLY IF THE RTG IS CONSIDERING REPATRIATION. WHITEHOUSE

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